

## ....Berlin Is Talking About.....

# Angry Prostitutes

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### Berlin

THIS CITY'S streetwalking "ladies" resorted to high heeled shoes and umbrellas to defend their traditional hunting quarters, the Kurfurstendamm, against unfair competition.

The competitors wore mini-skirts and tight sweaters — but they weren't females.

When the police arrived at the battlefied they couldn't at first glance distinguish the fighting parties. Attackers and defenders looked equally sexy to them with their attractive hairsets and well-shaped bosoms.

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ALL HAIRSETS and bosoms, found the policemen, were genuine. Only a control of identification cards unmasked the transvestites. They introduced themselves as Sabrina, Oora or Audrey, but their identification cards marked names like Karl, Walter or Hermann.

The prostitution department of the Berlin police has been worried for some time over the changes in the city's sex market: Transvestites from all over Europe come pouring into the



former German capital. More than 100 of them have already been registered in a special file. But nobody knows their real number.

The "phoney ladies" found jobs as waitresses or female entertainers in Berlin night clubs. There they fooled guests and gallants, sneaked wallets and stole customers from the old-established trade.

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THE AUTHORITIES were only able to prosecute the obviously criminal cases but were

at a loss as to what to do against phoney sex. There is no law in Germany against men wearing lipstick and women's underwear or cultivating a bosom.

The battle on Kurfurstendamm brought the change. The police reported to the prostitution department that the captured transvestites didn't wear foam rubber but had natural breasts. The department chief ordered the police to find out the cause.

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THE "BOSOM researchers" soon discovered that Berlin's transvestites corrected mother nature with the help of seven well reputed doctors. The doctors gave them weekly hormone injections at the price of 20 marks (\$5). The result were fully developed breasts, loss of hair on the body and a feminine voice.

This knowledge enabled the authorities to do something against the transvestite nuisance. According to German law sex operations are illegal. However, not the "girls" but the doctors made them, will now face a charge.



# A Bathtub SF Chronicle Murder in Forest Hill

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The body of a retired San Francisco businessman was found bound and gagged yesterday in the bathtub of his home in San Francisco's Forest Hill district.

Police identified the murder victim as Lester R. Jackson, 69, former owner of a hardware business.

The crime was discovered by Jackson's wife, Lucille, 62, on her return to their home at 351 Pacheco street from a Russian River vacation.

Police surmised that Jackson may have been surprised by a "hot prowler" — a burglar who enters houses even though there are persons in the house.

## SLIPPERS

The victim's slippers were found by his favorite chair in front of the television set, suggesting that he was taken by surprise. The set was on with the sound turned off.

According to San Francisco coroner Henry C. Turkel, Jackson had been dead "three or four days."

He was found fully clothed in the bathtub, his hands tied behind his back with a belt from a terry-cloth robe, and a gag — torn from another robe — in his mouth. His suit coat was draped over him.

## POOR

Mrs. Jackson left for the couple's Russian River home on Saturday. Tuesday, neighbors noticed that the garage door to the Jackson's home was ajar. Getting no response to the doorbell, they called Mrs. Jackson.

She told them how to close the garage door and they did without entering the house.

Mrs. Jackson returned to

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keep a doctor's appointment. Entering the house, she found the upstairs bedroom ransacked and her husband's body in the bathtub.

Police did not immediately determine what — if anything — was taken. There were some valuable furs left untaken.

## CAR

The Jackson's car was missing. The police described it as a 1965 Dodge four door, dark gray, license MNS 601.

Coroner Turkel refused to give a cause of death. There was a minor abrasion over the victim's eye and a bruise on one cheek.

Jackson was a diabetic, and it was considered a possibility that he might have been dumped alive into the bathtub and suffocated or suffocated to shock.

# Heat's On Tenderloin Street Vice

SF Chronicle

A continuing roundup of prostitutes in the Tenderloin district was promised by police yesterday.

Late Friday and early Saturday, a police sweep netted 23 prostitutes and 14 male homosexuals dressed as girls.

The crackdown also is an attempt to reduce the growing number of robberies and assaults that police say have accompanied prostitution.

Sgt. James Mullan, acting chief of the vice squad, said all the arrests were made either on the street or in hotel lobbies in the area from Market and Leavenworth.

## HOTELS COMPLIAN

The women were jailed for soliciting and the homosexuals for trespassing in the lobbies of hotels, many of whose managers have made complaints.

Most were released on bail yesterday after a period of quarantine in jail for medical inspections.

It was the first big police sweep through the district this summer and came on the heels of Grand Jury concern over the increasingly bold activities of prostitutes.

## BACK ON STREETS

Sgt. Mullan noted that the number of prostitutes in the area has become so large that within an hour after the sweep the streets were again heavy with prostitutes and homosexuals soliciting on foot and in autos.

Noticeably untouched in the roundup were the panderers who, according to many complaints, have been seen traveling through the district in expensive late model autos, keeping an eye on their girls and relieving them of money with "cash register" regularity.

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